

A SEMESTER ABROAD IN SOUTH KOREA ~ SPRING 2022

Meet Mileisis, a Fashion Design Major, Caroline Scholar, Promise Scholar, & Gilman Scholarship Awardee

“Don’t overthink it. You won’t know exactly how everything will be until you get there because you may find that it wasn’t as difficult in the end as you anticipated.”



 Benjamin A. Gilman
International Scholarship

1 Why did you choose Seoul?

-It all started on my first day of 7th grade, when I transferred back to school in Milwaukee and met my now-best friend ever, Emily, who introduced me to K-Pop. That’s when my infatuation with Korean culture started. Then I started to learn Korean and found it be somewhat easy, and I thought — when I get to college, maybe I can study abroad!

2 Academics (Korea University through TEAN):

-I was really excited to take the one fashion class that I did get to take because they didn’t offer too many art classes to international students. The teachers were all pretty friendly, especially the language teachers. The most difficult part was that they prioritized assessments, like tests, over assignments, so if you’re someone who needs more practice, you had to do that on your own.

3 Seoul as a Second Home:

-We felt really comfortable in Seoul. When we became a regular at one of the stores, one of the ladies who worked there said, “Oh, you’re back!” Hanging out with different students in different classes and seeing how the Korean students hang out was really fun.

4 Piece of Advice:

-In general, if you have concerns, talk to someone — whether that is a friend who may also be interested in study abroad, or a study abroad advisor, or someone who already studied abroad — to get perspectives from other people who have already experienced it. It may be less expensive than you thought it would be. You may be worried about, “How would I get around in Korea, if I don’t know the language?” — but most things were available in English or printed in Romanized alphabets to make it easier to read. Plus, many people are friendly and helpful.

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